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FOR: IMMUNOLOGICAL TEST KIT COMPRISING
IMMUNOLOGICALLY INVISIBLE CARRIER CONJUGATED TO
ONE OR MORE IMMUNOLOGICALLY REACTIVE
SUBSTANCES

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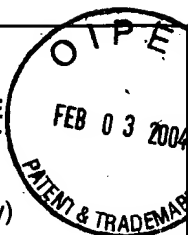
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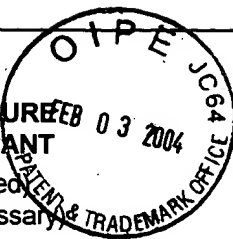
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